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Does Jimmy Carter Deny Holocaust?

By Michael Collins Piper

Carter is now considered a "Holocaust denier." Yes, that's the formal word from a professor of religion who is touted by the mass media as the world's leading authority on "who's a Holocaust denier and who isn't." No less than Deborah Lipstadt —a hard-looking, mean-tongued agitator ensconced at Emory University in Georgia—announced in a commentary in the Jan. 20 issue of *The Washington Post* that the former president is guilty of Holocaust denial.

Let it be noted, though, that Lipstadt didn't say directly that "Jimmy Carter is a Holocaust denier," but she did accuse him, in her specific words, of "almost ignoring the Holocaust," and noted that this was "minimalization of the Holocaust," which, she asserted, "gives inadvertent comfort to those who deny its importance or even its historical reality, in part because it helps them deny Israel's right to exist."

In fact, the most cursory review of Lipstadt's book, *Denying the Holocaust*—in which she defines "Holocaust denial"—indicates that, in Lipstadt's definition, "minimalizing the Holocaust" is indeed a key facet of Holocaust denial.

So you see, Lipstadt not only includes questioning the numbers of Jews who died in World War II to be a form of "Holocaust denial," but she also even includes questioning whether Germany bore primary guilt for instigating World War I—that's the first world war, not World War II—to be a form of denying the Holocaust. Now Carter has been thrown in the briar patch for his literary indiscretion of not having given the Holocaust the recognition Lipstadt claims it is due.

Lipstadt—like many in the leadership of the organized Jewish groups in America—is angry about Carter's new book, *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*, and in a recent commentary in the Jan. 20 issue of *The Washington Post*, Lipstadt let loose with her rantings against Carter.

Among other things, Lipstadt alleged that Carter "has relied on anti-Semitic stereotypes in defense" of his book and in his responses to his critics and that Carter has "repeatedly fallen back on traditional anti-Semitic canards." Lipstadt noted that Carter "reflexively fell back on this kind of innuendo about Jewish control of the media and government," although, Lipstadt added gratuitously, as if to sound "objective," that perhaps it was "inadvertent" on the part of the former president.

Before Lipstadt added her two cents, Carter had already been tarred as an "anti-Semite" who was promoting "anti- Jewish conspiracy theories," but it was Lipstadt who introduced the "H" word into the angry frenzy over Carter's book, which—despite the opposition, or perhaps precisely because of it—has been on *The New York Times* best-seller list for weeks.

Lipstadt is not the only big name hitting Carter. Abe Foxman, chief of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith, has slammed what he calls Carter's "anti-Israel bias." The ADL has published full-page advertisements accusing Carter of "propagating myths about Jewish power." Foxman said that it is "particularly disturbing and dangerous that someone like Jimmy Carter" is contributing to an atmosphere in which, Foxman contends, "anti-Jewish conspiracy theories" are rampant. Carter's remarks, in defense of his book from attacks by Jewish organizations, according to Foxman, are "playing with fire."

Amazingly, despite Carter's efforts to assure the Jewish community that he is not a Jew-hater, including a public address at Brandeis University where he said that he had erred in using language in his book suggesting that he believed the Palestinians were justified in using terrorism to strike back at Israel for its misdeeds, the Jewish Telegraph Agency reported to Jewish readers all across America and around the world that Carter "did little to assuage many of the critics."

To add insult to injury, high-powered international political consultant Jennifer Laszlo Mizrahi—founder of the Israel Project and a longtime figure in the Zionist Organization of America—published a blistering attack on Carter saying that he practices "reverse discrimination" because he favors the darker-skinned Christian and Muslim Palestinians over the "light-skinned" Jews of Israel. Mizrahi even complained that Carter had supported—as she described him—"the dark-skinned President Hugo Chavez"—for president of Venezuela over "a better-qualified and more experienced light-skinned candidate."

According to this Zionist spokeswoman—who has been hailed by *Forward*, a distinguished Jewish newspaper, as one of the 50 most powerful Jewish Americans—Carter is supposedly practicing this "reverse discrimination," as a way to "[purge] himself before his God from the racist sins of his youth."

The very idea that a Zionist leader would accuse Carter of anti-white racism demonstrates how hysterical Carter's critics have become. And the truth is that the ranks of eminent Jewish Americans who have added Carter to their enemies list continues to grow day by day.

The irony is that Carter's book is hardly the anti-Semitic screed those critics suggest. If anything, Carter is only saying what he has been saying—and what millions upon millions of well-meaning people have been saying —for years: that Israel should stop oppressing and discriminating against the Palestinians and that Israel should return to its official pre-1967 borders. And that is hardly calling for Israel to be wiped off the map, as many of Carter's critics are implicitly suggesting he advocates.

Some critics might be quick to point out that Carter failed to mention Israel's deliberate and unprovoked attack on the USS Liberty on June 8, 1967, resulting in the murders of 34 American servicemen and the wounding of 134 others. On the other hand, if Carter were to have included all of Israel's egregious military attacks and terrorist assaults on the Christians and Muslims of the Arab world, the list could go on and on and occupy a whole book in and of itself.

If you want to have a solid historical perspective of the last 50 years of the conflict over Palestine, written from the perspective of one who played a key part in seeking its resolution, Carter's book is one you need to read. It's available from FIRST AMENDMENT BOOKS.

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